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TAGS: PREL PTER PGOV AF
SUBJECT: GUIDANCE REQUEST: FBI INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR
BAGHLAN BOMBING, AFGHANISTAN

Classified By: DCM Christopher W. Dell for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (U) This is an action request (see para. 2).

¶2. (C) Guidance is requested from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding the provision of FBI assistance to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (IRoA) in investigating the November 6 bomb attack that killed over 50 people, including six parliamentarians, in Baghlan, Afghanistan.

¶3. (C) Background: A sugar factory in Baghlan, Afghanistan was bombed during a visit by IRoA Members of Parliament (MP) on November 6. At this point the type of bombing is unknown, although a suicide bombing is widely suspected. The resultant explosion killed six MPs and more than 40 others, including schoolchildren present to welcome the MPs. A seventh MP was critically injured as were dozens more at or near the factory. On November 7, Under Secretary for Defense Policy Edelman,

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accompanied by Ambassador Wood, met with President Karzai for a courtesy call. At that meeting, President Karzai asked for U.S. assistance in the bombing investigation and welcomed Ambassador Wood's offer to request FBI assistance. The Ambassador suggested the FBI due to Legal Attaché success in its ongoing IED initiative in Kabul.
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